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John Allen Chalk: Personal Correspondence

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November 3, 1960

Mr. Jim Waldron  
703 East Ash St.  
La Follette, Tenn.

Dear Jim,

My visit to La Follette on Tuesday was certainly a pleasant one. I was very happy to have the opportunity of speaking to the group there and witnessing the interest that they are now manifesting. From all quarters I heard encouraging reports of the work which you are doing. It is my firm conviction that you have the congregation aware of the real responsibility for the first time in the history of that group. Please accept my gratitude for your willingness to work in that field and make the sacrifices that I know you are making.

I was highly pleased with the audience Tuesday evening and I hope that from this series of lessons you will gain many new prospects. You are fortunate to have a hard core of interested men who are willing to work.

Please give my regards to the entire congregation and express my appreciation for the invitation to come and speak. It was a pleasure to meet you wife and to become acquainted with both of you.

Fraternally yours

John Allen Chalk

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## Church Of Christ

Eighth and Robertson Streets

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RADFORD, VIRGINIA

September 4, 1960

SERVICES:

Bible Study 10 A.M.  
Morning Worship 10:55  
Evening Worship 7:45  
Wednesday Evening 7:45

Mr. John Allen Chalk  
Broad Street Church of Christ  
Cookeville, Tennessee

Dear Bro. Chalk:

I am very happy to say that I am much improved now over what I was when I had my wife write to you. I don't know just what she told you so I will give you a brief history of the case.

In December of 1959 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, I had a cystoscopic operation to remove a small sack, caused by the passing of kidney stones, which had formed over the end of the right kidney tube. For several months now I have had quite a bit of back trouble and pain in the right side and had suggested to the doctor three or four months ago that I should have an I & P Pylogram. He was sure that the trouble was muscular. I had periods of getting better and then worse until finally I went back to him Tuesday. He loaded me down with medicine and the above-named X-Rays were made. We found that the right kidney was blocked or practically so. He sent me to a kidney specialist in Pulaski who entered me in the hospital there. On Friday morning he did a cystoscopic examination which has relieved the situation to a great extent and I trust will be completed by the time I am fully recovered, though there is a possibility that it will have to be done again. I certainly am easier today than I have been in a number of weeks and I face the future with a great deal of hope of doing my work minus pain.

Today my son-in-law, Vernon Boyd, is taking my work here and doing an excellent job. The Boyds are with us awaiting clearance of their visas from France where they hope to serve as missionaries for the Lord in Strasbourg.

We had a picnic dinner on the ground today which I think was thoroughly enjoyed by all who could stay and take part in it. We also had visitors from other congregations at the picnic. In spite of the fact that this is Labor Day Weekend and several of our people were away with some out due to sickness and operations, we had enough visitors to make the second largest crowd we have had in morning worship -- 115, with 78 in Bible classes. Today in many respects marks another step forward for the Church in Radford, for this is the day that Gordon Jonas, who has recently moved here and was educated at David Lipscomb College, begins his work in a special way with our teachers for both Sundays and Wednesdays. We are very happy about this. This program will be augmented next June if not before by Claude Lamar with a special series of lessons devoted to the teachers of the Churches in this area.

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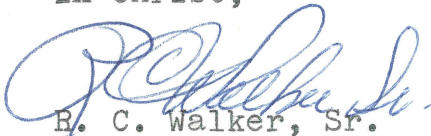
This congregation saw a man whom I had baptized stand today in the adult Bible class and make a splendid talk on the Golden Text of the lesson and one of the brethren who had never done more than just read the lesson in front of the congregation stood and made the announcements in a most commendable manner. In our service this morning we had a number of people whom I hope in time will become members of the Lord's Church. Our efforts are constantly directed to this and not only for them, but for others. While I was in the hospital and after I felt well enough to talk with people I found that numbers were listening to our radio program. I believe that the longer we keep it on its present basis it will be a boon not only to Radford, but also to all the churches of Christ in this area in general. At least it has proven so already in the few months it has been on.

Once again through you to the Elders and to the Church I wish to express the appreciation of the congregation and myself for the continued prayers, interest, and support that the Broad Street Church has given this work. Once again I assure you and the Church of our purpose in steadfastness of the Faith, and consistency in working for the Lord.

If you have time at any time to come our way just let me know and I will see that a crowd is gotten together to hear you preach. We are always happy to see our home folks from Broad Street.

With Christian affection to all —

In Christ,



R. C. Walker, Sr.

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